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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1244

Introduced by Assembly Member Adams

February 23, 2007

An act to add *and repeal* Section 21115.3 to of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1244, as amended, Adams. Golf carts.

(1) Existing law authorizes a city or county to designate a highway or a portion of a highway under its jurisdiction that is located adjacent to, or provides access to, a specifically described golf course, for the combined use of regular vehicular traffic and golf carts.

This bill would authorize the City of La Verne to designate a highway, or portion of a highway, for combined vehicle and golf cart usage, if the highway is located adjacent to, or provides access to, a public or private university or college or a retirement community, and if other specified requirements are met. The city would be authorized to prescribe rules and regulations pertaining to that designation, but the bill would provide that those rules and regulations are not effective until appropriate signs are posted along the affected highway.

The bill would impose equipment requirements for golf carts driven upon a highway pursuant to that authorization.

Because a violation of the equipment requirements and the associated rules and regulations adopted by the local authority would be an

infraction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating new crimes.

(2) *The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2011.*

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(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21115.3 is added to the Vehicle Code,
2 to read:

3 21115.3. (a) The City of La Verne may, by resolution or
4 ordinance, designate a highway or portion of the highway for the
5 combined use of regular vehicular traffic and golf carts, and
6 prescribe rules and regulations that shall have the force of law, if
7 all of the following conditions are met:

8 (1) The city finds that a highway under its jurisdiction is located
9 adjacent to, or provides access to, a public or private university or
10 college or a retirement community, that the maintenance or security
11 of the campus or community requires employees of that campus
12 or community to travel on the highway with golf carts, and that
13 the highway is suitable to safely permit the use of regular vehicular
14 traffic and also the driving of golf carts.

15 (2) The designated highway or portion of the highway does not
16 extend for more than one mile. The finding of the city in this
17 respect is conclusive.

18 (b) Upon a designation authorized by subdivision (a) becoming
19 effective, it shall be lawful to drive a golf cart equipped with a
20 windshield, headlights, taillights, brakelights, turn signals, and
21 seat belts upon the designated highway or portion of the highway
22 in accordance with the prescribed rules and regulations. The rules
23 and regulations may establish crossing zones and speed limits and
24 other operating standards, but shall not require that a golf cart
25 conform to any requirements of this code with respect to
26 registration, licensing, or equipment, except that if operated during

1 darkness the golf cart shall be subject to the provisions of Section
2 24001.5 regarding equipment.

3 (c) The rules and regulations described in subdivisions (a) and
4 (b) shall not be effective until appropriate signs giving notice
5 thereof are posted along the affected highway.

6 (d) For purposes of this section, a golf cart includes a low-speed
7 vehicle.

8 (e) *This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2011,*
9 *and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that*
10 *is chaptered before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends that date.*

11 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
12 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable
13 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
14 Constitution because of unique circumstances pertaining to higher
15 education and retirement communities in the City of La Verne.

16 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
17 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
18 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
19 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
20 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
21 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
22 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
23 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
24 Constitution.